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provisions that were just tossed together. That's how it originated, but this is a bill. Now let's get to the point where we can decide. And, you know, I'm...I guess I'm with Senator Chambers, of one mind, on this right now. This bill should either succeed, LB 1175, or just go away. And more than likely, it should probably happen within the next hour. By 5:30, we should figure out whether a bill like this should pass. And I'm not sure that adopting FA605 makes this a better bill. I don't know if it makes it worse. It makes it different. In Senator Beutler's mind and a lot of other folks in Lincoln, it makes it a heck of a lot less appealing. These provisions, I would remind you, were all widely accepted by the committee; not "widely accepted," they were all just 7-0 votes. Nobody even came in to testify against any of these provisions. Now some would argue, who cares? I'm arguing against those right now, and I understand that mentality as well. There could be three or four other people out here that have a problem with this particular piece or this provision that Senator Chambers is trying to remove. Possibly we'll hear that when Senator Loudon stands up. I don't know what he's going to say. We'll find out. It's why we're having this debate. But let's keep focus here. A fairly innocuous bill, the entire measure now a fairly innocuous bill, but, you know, right now it's a playground. All right. I just think this playground ought to continue on the way it is or we ought to just take this playground, the whole playground, and just move it or get rid of it. Sometimes I would say, I'd say probably 50 percent of the time, maybe 40 percent of the time, Senator Chambers will offer up an amendment that will really, really improve a measure that I didn't...that I didn't see. I'll admit it. I'll raise my hand and say it. But only a guy that reads them like he does could have found that. This isn't one of them.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FRIEND: This is a playground. We all know that. Make your decision and let's move on. Let's get rid of it. I wouldn't mind voting right now. I have a feeling that this thing would probably get 25 votes; maybe I'm wrong. This doesn't help anything. I wish...you know, Alexander Hamilton went in to, I believe it was, Poughkeepsie when they ratified